Formation of Consortium to manufacture aircrafts

789. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, China and South Korea have formed a consortium to manufacture a 100 seater passenger aircraft;

(b) if so, what are the details about its structure and terms of the agreement; and

(c) the main features of the contemplated aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No such consortium has been formed. However, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in November, 1993 by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) with M/s. Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. of South Korea for conducting a feasibility study on manufacture of a medium sized passenger aircraft jointly by Republic of South Korea, People's Republic of China, Singapore and India. Thereafter, the Government of South Korea have replaced M/s. Daewoo with M/s. Samsung Aerospace as lead partner. A decision on HAL's participation would be taken on the basis of evaluation of costs and benefits.

गुजरात में सूती कताई मिलें

790. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात में सूती कताई मिलें किन स्थानों पर स्थित हैं और उनकी वार्षिक उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है;

(ख) क्या गुजरात में सूती कताई मिलें अपनी क्षमता का पूरा उपयोग कर रही हैं;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या इन सूती कताई मिलों द्वारा इस राज्य के ग्रामीण और आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में रोजगार के अवसर पैदा किए जा रहे हैं;

(ङ) क्या सरकार द्वारा इन मिलों को कोई केंद्रीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है; और

(च) सरकार द्वारा इन मिलों के सुचारू रूप से कार्य करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) कपास कताई मिलें गुजरात में मुख्यतः अहमदाबाद, भड़ौच, सूरत, कच्छ, बड़ौदा, जामनगर, सुरेन्द्र नगर, मेहसाणा में स्थित हैं जिनकी उत्पादन क्षमता 8,65,664 तकुए तथा 8408 रोटर है।

(ख) और (ग) गुजरात में कताई मिलों का क्षमता उपयोग का अनुमान वर्ष 1994-95 में 85% लगाया गया था, जिसे बहुत अच्छा पाया गया है।

(घ) ग्रामीण तथा जनजातीय क्षेत्रों के लिए पृथक रूप से रोजगार के अवसरों के संबंध में सूचना केंद्रीय रूप से नहीं रखी जाती है।

(ङ) दिनांक 31.3.97 की स्थिति के अनुसार वस्त्र आधुनिकीकरण निधि योजना के अंतर्गत गुजरात में 6 मिलों को 22.55 करोड़ रु० वितरित किए गए।

(च) सरकार उद्योग को उचित कीमतों पर अपरिष्कृत सामग्री की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने का प्रयास करती रही है।

Claims Outstanding Against Bank of India, Calcutta

791. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bank of India, Eastern Zone, Calcutta has not yet finalised the claims put forward by some of its constitutents against withholding their money illegally;

(b) whether some of the claimant have refused to accept interest at the rate of five percent;

(c) whether Government would take

decision to direct the bank to settle such outstanding issues soon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) Bank of India has reported that there is no claim pending with them for which they have admitted/ agreed to pay compensation.

(b) According to the Bank M/s. Beneyog who were maintaining C/D Account with their Lindsey Street Branch were offered as a gesture of goodwill an interest @ 5% per annum amounting to Rs. 11043/-. They had refused to accept the same. They had demanded a sum of Rs. 1,25,000/- towards compensation which has not been admitted by the Bank on account of the fact that the credit balance in the account was only Rs. 72,775/-.

(c) This is an operational matter on which Government does not issue directions.

(d) Does not arise.

Issue of Free Air Passes

792. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of persons to whom Free Air Passes are issued;

(b) the number of senior citizens, widows, handicapped, family members of Staff of Indian Airlines to whom Free Air Passes have been issued during 1994-95 till date and the class in which they are entitiled to travel;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend this facility to freedom fighters and ex-Defence personnel also; and

(d) the total cost the Indian Airlines had to bear on this account during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Free passages on Air India and Indian Airlines are allocated to Department of Tourism for being released to travel writters, photographers, tour operators and opinion makers visiting India under their Hospitality programme. Free passages are also issued to persons requiring medical treatment aborad, in consultation with Directorate General of Health Services. Air India and Indian Airlines issue free passages to various categories of persons in the overall commercial and business interest. The employees and their families of Air India and Indian Airlines are issued free passages. Passes issued by other Airlines are also honoured on reciprocal basis. Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism also issues limited number of passes to members of public based on merits of each case.

The senior citizens, widows and handicapped persons are not provided free passages, as a category.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No cost is incurred as free pass holders are generally accommodated only after accommodating revenue paying passengers.

Consultancy Services on Turnkey Basis

793. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC is providing consultancy services on turnkey basis for running hotels and restaurants in India and abroad;

(b) whether the management of ITDC is inviting private contractors to run its own restaurants in ITDC hotels itself; and

(c) if so, the details of restaurants in ITDC hotels likely to be given on contract basis in the current financial year and the amount spent by ITDC on the construction and renovation for such restaurants.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI